

MENOMONIE AIRPORT COMMISSION
January 17, 2012

The Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 7:00PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2012 at the Airport Terminal. Other Commission members present included Robert Walter, Ron Reik, Bruce Trimble and Arvin Solsaa. Also in attendance were Randy Knaack, Lowell Prange, Darrel Gibson and Randy Eide plus members of the public.

A motion was made by Reik, seconded by Walter, to approve the December 14, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Eide updated the Commission on the status of the Minimum Standards. The Minimum Standards have been reviewed by the City Attorney and are at the Bureau of Aeronautics for their review.

Snow removal on the airport generated a good amount of discussion. A motion was made by Trimble, seconded by Solsaa requesting the Administration look into training Darrel Gibson on the use and operation of the airport tractor for snow removal. Motion carried. Other snow removal actions taken from the discussion include:

- Check with the City's Insurance Carrier on the possibility of Gibson Aviation operating the airport tractor and other pieces of snow removal equipment on Menomonie Municipal Airport
- Determine if a vehicle dedicated solely for the airport requires a license
- Determine if an individual needs a Commercial Drivers License if they are only operating on the airport

The FAA airport maintenance checklist was reviewed by the Airport Commission. The checklist was generally accepted as a good template for monitoring the condition of the airport.

Airport Fly-In plans were discussed. The Fly-In is scheduled for July 7, 2012. Bill Cowden addressed the need to raise funds of \$1,500 to \$3,000 to support an aerobatic demonstration/show. General discussion focused on finding sponsors to support an aerobatic demonstration/show. Exposure and marketing of the Fly-In was discussed. Trimble stated the need to have a core group to work on the planning of the Fly-In. The general consensus of the Commission is to support air traffic and static displays for the Fly-In by providing fuel discounts and donated fuel if possible and approved by the Administration.

Darrel Gibson provided the Manager's Report. Action items taken from the report include:

- Having the Street Department try to develop a temporary ramp for the FBO hangar
- Consider reflective beads for the taxiway centerlines
- Purchase a VHF radio for street personnel to use when performing maintenance on the runway/taxiway

The Chairman encouraged Commission members to attend the public hearing regarding the City's petition for a project to improve/repair the airport runway and taxiway lighting. The public hearing will take place during the City Council Meeting on February 6th at 7:00PM at City Hall (800 Wilson Avenue, 3rd Floor).

The Mayor thanked all of the Commission members for all of their efforts associated with supporting our airport.

Motion to adjourn was made by Solsaa, seconded by Trimble. Motion carried.

Next meeting of the Airport Commission will be 7:00PM on February 21, 2012 at the Airport Terminal.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy D. Eide,
Recording Secretary